

## CHAPTER 4

## ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS

## Introduction

1. This chapter provides detailed instructions for the wearing of insignia of orders, decorations and medals by members of the Permanent Air Force, Air Force Reserve, the Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC) and former members on those occasions when authorised to wear RAAF or AAFC uniform.

## WEARING OF INSIGNIA

## General Considerations

2. A member is to wear insignia of orders, decorations and medals in order of precedence. The order of precedence for Australian Honours and Awards is located at [www.itsanhonour.gov.au](http://www.itsanhonour.gov.au) and details the correct sequence for the wearing of medals, the protocols associated with their wear and recipients of Honours and Awards. Annex A to Chapter 1 details the occasions when insignia are to be worn with RAAF uniform; in addition, a member is to wear appropriate insignia whenever civilian clothes are worn and decorations are advised on official invitations.

3. A member is entitled to wear the ribbon of an award from the date of the Governor-General's assent. Any title and/or post-nominal letters associated with an award are also to be used with effect from the date of assent. A member who has been awarded any of the orders, decorations or medals listed on the website at paragraph 2, or who has been granted a Mention in Dispatches, is entitled to wear the appropriate insignia with RAAF uniform irrespective of the status of the individual at the time of the award (the insignia of an award received by a civilian is worn with uniform on subsequent entry into the RAAF).

## Promotion Within an Order

4. When appointed to a higher class within the same division of an order (eg the holder of an AM in the Military Division promoted to AO in the Military Division), the use of any post-nominal letters pertaining to the lower class must be discontinued from the date of gazettal of the higher award; however the member may continue to wear the insignia of the lower class until investiture with the insignia of the higher class.

5. With the Order of Australia, where a person who is already a member of the Order is appointed to a higher class of membership in the same division, they shall return to the Secretary of the Order, the insignia of the lower class of membership.

6. With the Order of Australia, Order of the British Empire and Order of the Bath, when a person is promoted in the Order from the Military Division to the General/Civil Division or vice versa, the insignia of the lower class may be retained together with that of the higher class. However, only the post-nominal letters of the higher class are to be used.

## Insignia of Awards

7. Awards are denoted by the wearing of one or more of the following insignia:

a. **Badges of Orders.** Badges of orders may be displayed on:

- (1) collars by recipients of the first class of British Orders;
- (2) ribands by recipients of the first class of British Orders;
- (3) neck and breast badges by male recipients and shoulder and breast badges by female recipients of the second and third classes of British Orders and the first three classes of the Order of Australia; and

- (4) medal brooches by recipients of all classes of British and Australian Orders.
- b. **Stars of Orders.** Stars of orders are worn on the left breast by recipients of the first and second classes of British orders and the first class of the Order of Australia.
- c. **Decorations and Medals.** In addition to badges of orders, decorations and medals may be worn on medal brooches.
- d. **Miniatures.** Miniatures are worn on Mess Dress Jacket on a miniature medal brooch.
- e. **Ribbons.** On appropriate occasions, ribbons of orders, decorations and medals are worn on a ribbon bar or stitched to the uniform.

### Wearing of Medals

8. When medals are worn, the member is to wear them on a single medal brooch of appropriate size on the left breast. The medal brooch is to be positioned to cover any ribbons permanently stitched to the garment. Miniature medals are worn on the left lapel of the Mess Dress jacket, the top of the brooch 8 cm below the inner end of the step opening of the lapel. When a flying badge is worn, it is to be positioned centrally above the medal brooch (refer Chapter 5).

9. A member is to wear medals so that the obverse side is showing. The medals are to be suspended from their ribbons from the medal brooch. For full size medals, when there are more than five medals, they are to be overlapped with the highest award in the order of precedence showing in full. The length of the miniature brooch will vary according to the number of miniatures mounted, but it is never to project beyond the inside edge of the lapel or shoulder seam of the Mess Dress jacket; medals are to be overlapped if necessary. Bars and clasps are to be attached to medal ribbons in accordance with this Manual (refer also to paragraphs 19 to 22).

10. Ribbons for full size medals are normally 40 mm long (27 mm long for miniatures). However, when two or more medals are worn, ribbon lengths are to be adjusted so that the lower edges of the medals are aligned but the length of the shortest ribbon should not be less than 32 mm for full size medals.

11. To prevent damage, the enamelled facings of medals are to be mounted in 'court' style ie; the medals are sewn to a light frame to prevent movement (etiquette dictates 'court' mounting in the presence of Regal or Vice-Regal personages). Medals are to be court-mounted for all personnel on ceremonial parades.

### Wearing of Ribbons

12. Annex A to Chapter 1 lists the occasions on which insignia of orders, decorations and medals are to be worn with uniform. On other occasions, entitled members are to wear ribbons only. Ribbons are not to be worn on CWD, overalls, DPCU, sweaters, cardigans, raincoats or overcoats.

13. Ribbons are to be worn in the order of precedence detailed on the website at paragraph 2, with the senior ribbon nearest the lapel, and not more than four ribbons in one row. When more than four ribbons are worn, the senior ribbon is to be worn on the top row nearest the lapel (if one or more ribbons are to be worn on top they are to be placed centrally above the lower row) with the remaining ribbons placed in order of precedence extending to the second row beginning in order of precedence from the lapel. They are to be positioned without interval on the left breast, centrally and immediately above the left breast pocket on men's SD tunics, utility jackets and in a corresponding position on women's SD tunics (approximately 14 cm below the left shoulder seam). Ribbons are also to be mounted on a detachable ribbon bar for wear with shirts, women's blue/white dress and appropriate civilian attire. Ribbons on Service Dress Shirts are to be placed so that the bottom of the ribbon bar is in line with the top of the pocket flap. The bar may be stiffened by sewing the ribbons over an appropriately sized backing plate of plastic or similar material.

14. The depth (height) of ribbon showing is to be 12 mm. The ribbons of orders are to be of the same width as the 'member' class of the order. If there is no 'member' class, the ribbon is to be of the width of the 'companion' class of the order.

15. A row of ribbons is to consist of not more than four ribbons for a male member and three ribbons for a female member. When more than four ribbons (males) or three ribbons (females) are worn, they are to be made up to display as many complete rows of four or three (as appropriate) as possible, with any uncompleted row on top. Each succeeding row normally is to be placed centrally above the row immediately below it. However, to ensure that no ribbon is either partly or wholly obscured by the lapel or collar, the upper row or rows may be shortened as necessary to display as many complete ribbons as possible in the space between the edge of the lapel or collar and the sleeve head seam. The space between rows is to be 3 mm but if four or more rows are worn, they are to be without a space between rows. Ribbons when worn on the Service dress tunic and utility jacket are to be sewn onto the uniform.

16. Transparent material is not to be used to cover the ribbons.

17. Because of the irregularity of the pattern of the Order of Australia, a particular portion of the ribbon is to be used when mounting it on a ribbon bar. This is shown in the diagram at Annex A.

#### Issue of Medal Brooches and Ribbon Bars

18. An entitled member is to be given an initial free issue of a medal brooch and ribbon bar. When a member is presented with an additional award, the unit is to provide free issue of a replacement brooch and bar; on other occasions, replacement of the brooch or bar is to be on a repayment basis. The entitlement of Air Force members in relation to medal mounting and manufacture of ribbon bars by Service tailors is set out in AAP 3032.001, RAAF Clothing Manual.

#### Wearing of Emblems Denoting Bars or Clasps

19. Additional awards of a specific decoration or medal are denoted by the wearing of bars and clasps on the ribbon of the original medal or decoration.

20. When ribbons only are worn, the award of bars and clasps is signified by the following emblems:

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| a. | Victoria Cross<br>George Cross<br>Cross of Valour  | As a miniature replica of the cross is always worn in the centre of the ribbon when the decoration itself is not worn, the award of a bar is denoted by the addition of a second miniature cross.     |
| b. | Star of Gallantry<br>Star of Courage<br>Medal for Gallantry<br>Bravery Medal   | A miniature replica of the decoration is always worn in the centre of the ribbon when the decoration itself is not worn; the award of a bar is denoted by the addition of a second miniature replica. |
| c. | <b><i>Imperial Award of:</i></b><br>Distinguished Service Order<br>Distinguished Service Cross<br>Military Cross<br>Distinguished Flying Cross<br>Air Force Cross<br>Distinguished Conduct Medal<br>Conspicuous Gallantry Medal<br>George Medal<br>Distinguished Service Medal<br>Military Medal<br>Distinguished Flying Medal<br>Air Force Medal<br>Long Service and Good Conduct Medal | The award of a bar or clasp is denoted by a small silver rosette attached to the centre of the ribbon.  |
| d. | <b><i>Australian Award of:</i></b><br>Distinguished Service Cross<br>Conspicuous Service Cross<br>Nursing Service Cross<br>Distinguished Service Medal<br>Conspicuous Service Medal  | The award of a bar is denoted by a nickel/silver miniature replica of a cross or medal attached to the centre of the ribbon.  |

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| e. | Defence Force Service Medal<br>Defence Long Service Medal | The award of a clasp is denoted by attaching a small round cupro/nickel rosette (5 mm dia) to the centre of the ribbon. Clasps are denoted by attaching the applicable number of rosettes, each in the centre of the colour bands or when denoting four clasps or more equidistant along the centre line of the ribbon bar. In the case of the awarding of a fifth clasp it is signified by the placement of a silver Federation Star in the centre of the ribbon in lieu of rosettes. |
| f. | National Medal  | The award of a clasp is denoted by attaching a small representation of the National Medal (5 mm dia) to the centre of the ribbon. Two or more clasps are denoted by attaching the applicable representations equidistant from each other and the ends of the ribbon.   |

#### Australian Active Service Medal and Australian Service Medal

21. When the Australian Active Service Medal and the Australian Service Medal are worn, a clasp bearing the name of the theatre for which the medal was awarded is attached to the ribbon. Further awards or awards for subsequent service in other areas is recognised by additional clasps which are attached to the ribbon above the original clasp. Clasps are worn as follows:

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| a. | Full Size Medal | First Clasp – 3 mm from the bottom of the ribbon to the bottom of the bar. Second Clasp and subsequent clasps - added progressively above the first bar, in order of precedence shown at Annex B, with 3mm separation between the bars. |
| b. | Miniature Medal | First Clasp – 3 mm from the bottom of the ribbon to the bottom of the bar. Second Clasp and subsequent clasps - added progressively above the first bar, in order of precedence shown at Annex B, with 3mm separation between the bars. |

#### Defence Force Service Medal, Defence Long Service Medal and National Medal

22. When the Defence Force Service Medal and the National Medal are worn, the award of clasps is signified as follows:

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| a.  | <b><i>Defence Force Service Medal and Defence Long Service Medal.</i></b> The award of a clasp is denoted by a cupro-nickel bar mounted on the ribbon as follows: |  |
| (1) | Full Size Medal   | First clasp – 3 mm from the bottom of the ribbon to the bottom of the bar. Second and subsequent clasps - added progressively above the first bar with 3 mm separation between the bars. |
| (2) | Miniature Medal   | First clasp – 3 mm from the bottom of the ribbon to the bottom of the bar. Second and subsequent clasps - added progressively above the first bar with 1 mm separation between the bars. |
| b.  | <b><i>National Medal.</i></b> The award of a clasp is denoted by a bronze bar mounted on the ribbon as follows:   |  |
| (1) | Full size medal   | First clasp – 12 mm from the bottom of the ribbon to the bottom of the bar. Second clasp – 12 mm above the first.  |
| (2) | Miniature Medal   | First clasp – 6 mm from the bottom of the ribbon to the bottom of the bar. Second clasp – 6 mm above the first.  |

#### Wearing of Emblems Denoting Commendations and Mentions in Dispatches

23. Commendations and Mentions in Dispatches are denoted by the following emblems:

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| a. | Commendation for Brave Conduct  | a silver gilt sprig of mimosa (mounted at an angle of 45 degrees with the stem pointing to the bottom left of the ribbon as viewed by an observer) worn on a blood backing ribbon.   |
| b. | Commendation for Gallantry  | a central Federation Star on a silver gilt row of flames worn on an orange backing ribbon.   |
| c. | Commendation for Distinguished Service  | a central Federation Star on a nickel-silver row of flames worn on an ochre-red backing ribbon.  |
| d. | Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct, Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air, and Mention in Dispatches | a bronze oak leaf (with stem to the right) worn on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) appropriate War or General Service Medal, if awarded for an action or campaign; or</li> <li>(2) ribbon of dark-blue material with Service uniform patterns or Mess Dress respectively.</li> </ul> |

24. The backing ribbon for Commendations and Mentions in Dispatches is to be 32 mm wide and 90 mm long. The centre of the appropriate emblem is 19 mm from the bottom of the medal ribbon and 16 mm from either edge. When worn with other medals, the bottom loop of the ribbon must be level with the bottom edge of the medals so that the centre of the emblem is approximately level with the centre of the medals.

#### MANNER OF WEARING OTHER INSIGNIA OF ORDERS

##### Stars of Orders

25. Normally a maximum of three British/Australian Stars of Orders may be worn, on appropriate occasions, on the left breast. However, if a foreign order has been awarded, up to four stars may be worn. When two or more stars are worn, they are to be positioned in the following order of precedence (looking at the wearer):

##### Two Orders

1  
2

##### Three Orders

1  
2                  3

##### Four Orders

1  
2                  3  
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##### Neck Decorations

26. Neck decorations may be worn by recipients of the first three classes of the Order of Australia and the third classes of British Orders. A maximum of three neck decorations may be worn with Service Dress (SD) uniform patterns of Ceremonial Dress; however, only one may be worn with Mess Dress and formal civilian dress. Neck decorations for the Order of Australia and British orders are to be suspended from miniature width ribbon on all occasions subsequent to investiture.

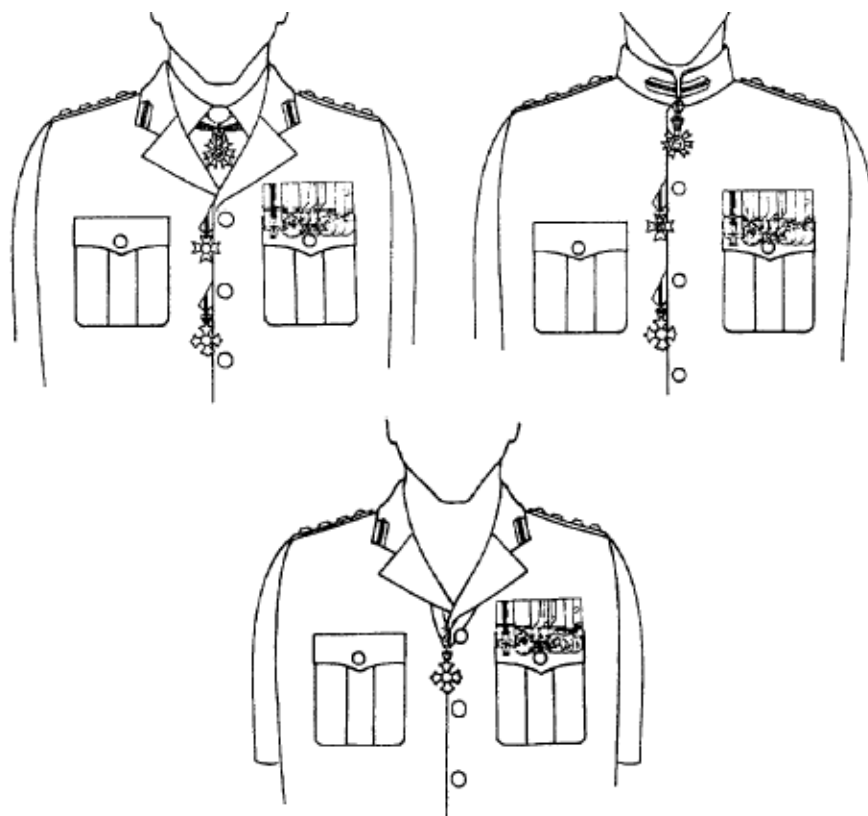
##### Arrangement of Neck Decorations

27. The positioning and arrangement of neck decorations is to be as follows:

- a. **First Decoration.** When worn with Service Dress patterns, the first decoration is to be suspended from a ribbon passing around the neck and under the shirt collar so that the badge hangs centrally just below the tie knot. When worn with Mess Dress, the badge is to be suspended in a similar manner.
- b. **Second Decoration.** The second decoration is to be suspended from a ribbon passing around the neck and under the tunic so that the badge hangs centrally over the point where the lapels meet.

- c. **Third Decoration.** The third decoration is to be suspended from a ribbon below the first tunic button, so that the badge hangs centrally over the second tunic button.
- d. Figure 1 below demonstrates their placement in relation to Ceremonial Dress 2A and 2B, Attache Dress and Safari Jacket.

Figure 1.



### Shoulder Badges

28. When wearing formal civilian clothes, a female member is to wear a shoulder badge in lieu of a neck decoration. A single shoulder badge is to be worn suspended from a bow of the full size ribbon attached centrally to the left shoulder of the dress, so that the centre of the badge is about 15cm below the shoulder seam. If miniature medals are entitled to be worn, the badge and bow is to be worn immediately and centrally below the miniatures.

### Further Information

29. Defence Personnel Executive, Department of Defence, Canberra, (DPE-Director of Honours and Awards) should be contacted should further information be required on the wearing of the insignia of the higher classes of Orders with RAAF uniform.

### Foreign Orders, Decorations and Medals

30. A member is not to accept the insignia of foreign orders, decorations or medals without prior approval. Members seeking approval to wear foreign Service decorations are to submit a standard application through normal

Service channels to Defence Personnel Executive, Department of Defence, Canberra, (DPE - Director of Honours and Awards). The application is to be accompanied by evidence of the award and details of the award. Two kinds of permission may be given, unrestricted and restricted. The former authorises the insignia to be worn on all occasions when Australian and British insignia are worn and the latter limits wear to specific occasions. Authority in regard to foreign orders is specified either by:

- a. Warrant under the Royal Sign Manual which grants unrestricted permission to wear the insignia; or
- b. Letter from the Sovereign's Private Secretary, granting restricted permission and indicating the occasions when the insignia may be worn.

State decorations not carrying membership of an order of chivalry and medals, are subject to the regulations in the same manner as orders but permission is conveyed by letter.

**31.** When unrestricted permission for the wearing of a foreign order, decoration or medal has been given, they are to be worn in accordance with this chapter and positioned after Australian and British awards. Those subject to restricted permission however, may be worn only (whether in full size or miniature) on the occasions specified in the letter of authority, whereas the ribbons alone are not to be worn on any occasion.

**32.** Stars of foreign orders are to be worn on the right or left breast according to the regulations prescribed by the Sovereign or Head of State by whom they were conferred.

**33.** Foreign medals, other than war medals, are governed by the same rules as foreign decorations. A foreign war medal or its ribbon or miniature, the wearing of which has been approved by the Sovereign, is to be worn where applicable with orders of dress in the same way as Australian or British medals but placed last in precedence.

**34.** Ribbons of foreign orders, decorations and medals, when worn without their insignia, are to be the plain ribbons of the award, except for those, which include an emblem or rosette on the ribbon of the badge or insignia of the order. In these cases, the emblem or rosette will also be worn on the ribbon in the manner customary of the country concerned. The ribbon is to be that of the grade or class which most closely conforms in width to that of an Australian or British medal ribbon (ie 32 mm), provided a ribbon of a higher grade or class to that awarded is not worn.

**35.** At functions organised by or for a representative of a foreign state, the star or neck decoration of that country, if awarded, is to be given precedence over similar Australian or British insignia. This procedure is adopted to ensure that due respect is paid to the country concerned. Decorations and medals mounted on a brooch should not be re-arranged.



**Unit, Presidential and Distinguished Unit Citations**

**36. Unit Citation for Gallantry and Meritorious Unit Citation.** When an ADF unit is awarded a Unit Citation for Gallantry or a Meritorious Unit Citation, members are to wear the emblem signifying the award. The Federation Star is only worn on these emblems when worn by a member who was serving with the unit during the period to which the citation relates. A member who is awarded an additional Unit Citation for Gallantry or Meritorious Unit Citation is only permitted to wear one of either citation, regardless of the number of times the citation is awarded.

**37. Presidential and Distinguished Unit Citations.** When Royal assent is received for a unit to accept a Presidential Unit Citation, authority will be granted for members to wear the emblem signifying the award.

**38.** Citations are to be worn on all forms of Service Dress, Mess Dress and Tropical Dress (miniature versions are worn on Mess Dress. Citations are not to be worn on CWD, coveralls, DPCU, sweaters, cardigans, raincoats or overcoats. The emblems are to be worn, in order of precedence with the senior emblem to the wearer's right, centrally on the right breast immediately above the flap of the pocket or in a corresponding position on garments without pockets. The name badge, when worn, is positioned 5mm above the citations.

**39.** A member serving with the unit during the period to which the citation relates may wear the emblem as a permanent award. A member who joins the unit after the time for which a citation has been awarded may wear the appropriate emblem (without the Federation Star on the Unit Citation for Gallantry or the Meritorious Unit Citation) only whilst on the posted strength of the unit.

**40.** The order of precedence for Citations is:

- a. Unit Citation for Gallantry;
- b. Meritorious Unit Citation;
- c. US Presidential Citation - awarded to No 2 Squadron and No 13 Squadron for operations in the Banda Sea between 13 Apr 42 and 25 Aug 42;
- d. Vietnamese Unit Citation, the Gallantry Cross with Palm - awarded to No 2 Squadron for operational service in Vietnam between 1 Sep 65 to 9 Oct 70;
- e. No 2 Squadron RAAF, USAF Outstanding Unit Citation - with Valour Device for exceptional meritorious service in Vietnam between 19 Apr 67 and 31 May 71 by No 2 Squadron; and
- f. The South Korean Presidential Unit Citation - approved for wear 28 November 1997 for members of No 77 Squadron.

**Non-Military Medals**

**41.** Medals awarded by civilian societies and institutions may be worn on RAAF uniform if approval is given by Defence Personnel Executive, Department of Defence, Canberra, (DPE - Director of Honours and Awards). Instructions on the manner of wearing such medals (including order of precedence) and occasions for wear will also be given, provided approval is granted.

**Wearing of Unauthorised Insignia**

**42.** A member is not to wear an order, decoration, medal, miniature, emblem or ribbon for which authority for wear has not been given.

**Wearing of Insignia with RAAF Uniform**

**43.** Insignia of orders, decorations and medals, as appropriate to entitlement and occasion, may be worn with RAAF uniform as follows:



- |    |                     |   |
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| a. | collar of order     | one only with Ceremonial Dress;   |
| b. | broad riband        | one only with Ceremonial Dress and Mess Dress;  |
| c. | stars of orders     | up to four, but no more than three Australian/British stars with Ceremonial Dress and Mess Dress; |
| d. | neck decorations    | up to three with Ceremonial Dress, but one only with Mess Dress (Cool or Warm Weather);           |
| e. | medals (full size)  | with all Ceremonial Dress;  |
| f. | medals (miniatures) | with all Mess Dress; and  |
| g. | ribbons             | with all Service Dress, Tropical Dress and Mess Dress (Tropical).                                 |

#### **Wearing of Insignia with Civilian Dress**

**44.** On appropriate occasions and whenever decorations are intimated on official invitations, a member is to wear the full insignia of orders, decorations and medals when wearing formal civilian dress. However, at Service funerals or ceremonial parades, retired members, who are not part of an official party, may wear miniatures in lieu of the full size medals.

**45.** Insignia will normally be required when attending occasions such as:

- a. receptions, dinners and functions attended by members of the Royal Family;
- b. receptions, dinners and functions attended by the Governor-General or a State Governor;
- c. receptions, dinners and functions hosted by accredited ambassadors and ministers; and
- d. official receptions, dinners and functions hosted by public dignitaries.

**46.** When appropriate, insignia may be worn with civilian dress as follows:

- a. ***Morning Dress.*** When morning dress, or female equivalent, is worn, the following insignia may be worn:
  - (1) neck decoration - one (males);
  - (2) shoulder badge - one (females); the badge is suspended from a bow on the left shoulder, unless a medal brooch is also worn, in which case the badge (and bow) is to be worn below the medal bar;
  - (3) stars of orders - four; however, no more than three Australian/British stars; and
  - (4) medals (full size) - all.
- b. ***Lounge Suit.*** On certain semi - formal occasions, when a lounge suit is worn, full size orders, decorations and medals mounted on a medal brooch may be worn at appropriate daytime functions. At evening functions the miniatures of orders, decorations and medals may be worn. In addition, one neck decoration (males) or one shoulder badge (females) may be worn. The ladies' shoulder badge should be worn below the medal brooch. It is not customary to wear stars or broad ribands with a lounge suit.
- c. ***Evening Dress.*** When evening dress is worn, the following insignia may be worn:
  - (1) broad riband - one only, as appropriate to entitlement and occasion;

- (2) stars of orders - four; however, no more than three Australian/British stars;
  - (3) neck decorations - one (males);
  - (4) shoulder badge - one (females); the badge is suspended from a bow on the left shoulder, unless miniature medals are also entitled to be worn, in which case the badge (and bow) is worn below the miniatures; and
  - (5) miniature medals - all.
- d. **Dinner Jacket.** When a dinner jacket is worn, miniature medals may be worn on the left lapel; stars of orders and neck decorations are not to be worn.
- e. **Other Civilian Dress.** A ribbon bar of orders, decorations and medals may be worn on all occasions with all other forms of civilian dress at the discretion of the holder.

### COMMENDATION BADGES

47. In Air Force, a commendation badge may be awarded by CDF, CAF, ACAUST, and COMTRG-AF, for meritorious service. Additionally, Commendation badges awarded by any other 'awarding authorities' within Defence may also be worn.

#### Wearing of the Commendation Badge

48. ADF policy on the award and wearing of commendation badges is given in DI(G) PERS 31-2

49. The commendation badge is to be worn on Service Dress shirts, jackets and tunics, and with Ceremonial Dress, Mess Dress and Tropical Dress. Commendations are not to be worn on CWD, coveralls, DPCU, sweaters, cardigans, raincoats or overcoats. A miniature of the commendation badge is worn on all forms of mess dress, except Mess Dress Tropical, on which the full size version of the Commendation is to be worn.

50. Normally, Air Force personnel may only wear one commendation badge on their uniform. In this regard, the order of precedence is Gold, Silver and Bronze. All Air Force commendations take precedence over Navy and Army Awards. In a situation where more than one commendation from another Service is involved then only the higher one may be worn. However, where a CDF or Tri Service Commendation is awarded, that and one other badge may be worn by the recipient. In such cases, the two badges are worn on the same level, 3mm apart, with the non CDF or Tri Service Commendation nearest the centre of the body

51. A member may wear a commendation badge awarded by Navy or Army. Should a member be awarded a commendation badge by another Service and also by the RAAF, then only the RAAF commendation badge may be worn. A Service commendation awarded by a commander of one Service to a member of another Service, within the same command structure, would result in a badge of the parent Service of the member being issued.

#### Positioning of the Commendation Badge

52. The commendation badge, (Annex C refers), is worn centrally and immediately above the right breast pocket on the SD shirt, TD shirt, SD tunic and utility jacket, and on the right lapel of the mess dress jacket, as follows:

- a. When worn with the name badge – 3 mm above the name badge;
- b. When worn with unit citations – 3 mm above unit citations;
- c. When worn with unit citations and name badge;
  - (1) **Unit Citations** - immediately above the right breast pocket,
  - (2) **Name Badge** – 3 mm above unit citations, and

- (3) *Commendation Badge* – 3 mm above the name badge.

**ANZAC DAY**

**Wearing Medals of Deceased Relatives**

**53.** On ANZAC Day, personnel not participating in an official RAAF or tri-Service contingent or guard of honour may wear medals (in uniform or civilian dress) of a deceased relative, passed down in direct line from grandparents and parents. The medals are to be worn on the right breast and should be worn only on ANZAC Day.

**Annexes:**

- A. Method of Mounting the Ribbon of the Order of Australia
- B. The Order of Precedence of Clasps for Australian Active Service Medal and Australian Service Medal
- C. Positioning of Citations and Commendation Badges

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**METHOD OF MOUNTING THE RIBBON OF  
THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA**



**Companion of the Order of Australia  
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**Officer of the Order of Australia  
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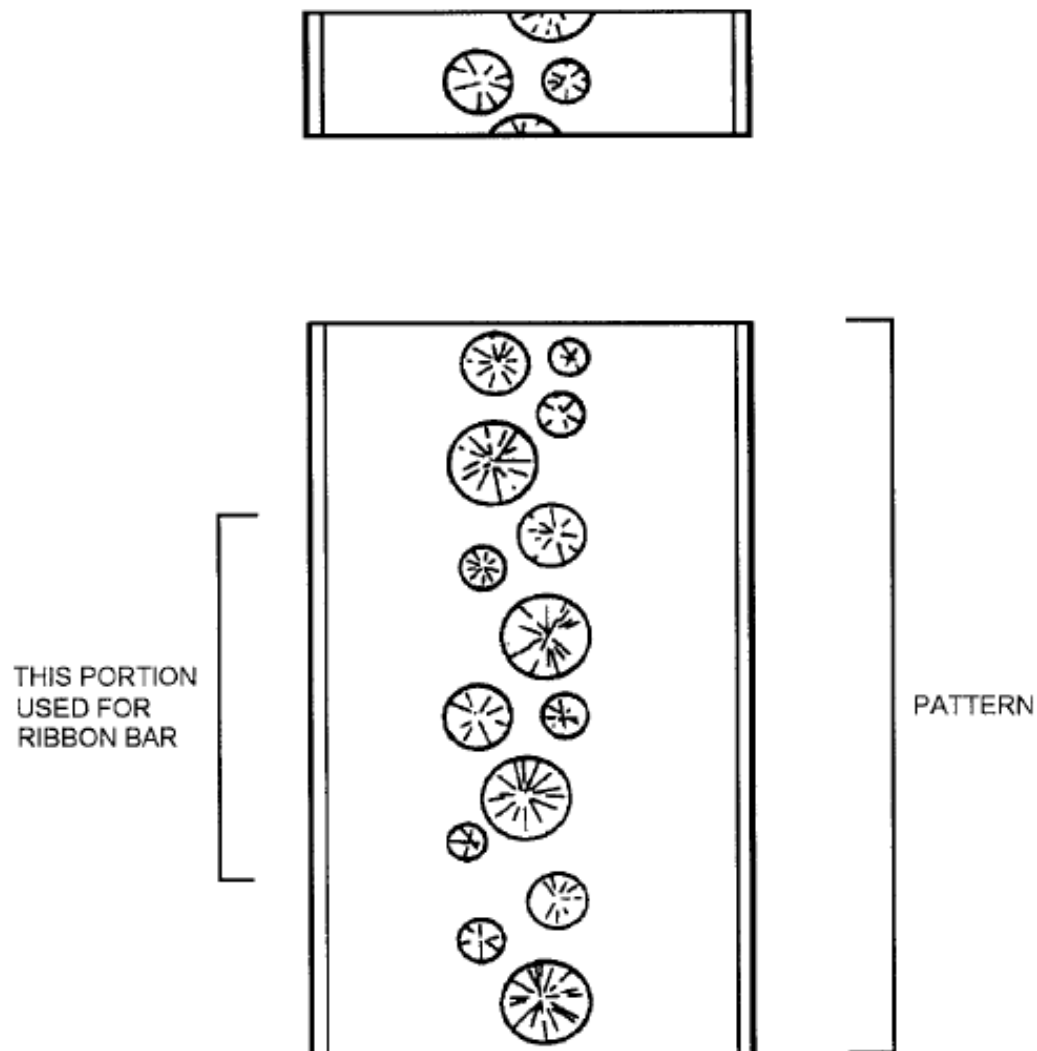


**Member of the Order of Australia  
AM**



**Medal of the Order of Australia  
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PORTION OF THE RIBBON OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA USED FOR RIBBON BARS



**ORDER OF PRECEDENCE OF CLASPS FOR AUSTRALIAN  
ACTIVE SERVICE MEDAL  
AND  
AUSTRALIAN SERVICE MEDAL**

**Summary of Australian Military Medals**

**The Australian Active Service Medal 1945-75** for operational service (OS) in the following prescribed campaigns during those prescribed periods listed below.

**CLASP****PRESCRIBED PERIOD**

<b>KOREA</b>		1 Jul 50 – 27 Jul 53
<b>MALAYA</b>		
OS for the General Service Medal	Malaya	16 Jun 48 – 31 Jul 60
With clasp Malaya.	Singapore	16 Jun 48 – 31 Jan 59
OS for the Naval General Service Medal with clasp Malaya.		16 Jun 48 – 31 Jul 60
<b>MALAYSIA</b>		
OS for the General Service Medal.	With clasp BORNEO	24 Dec 62 – 11 Aug 66
	With clasp MALAY PENINSULA	17 Aug 64 – 12 Jun 65
<b>VIETNAM</b>		
OS for the General Service medal.	With clasp SOUTH VIETNAM	24 Dec – 28 May 64
OS for the Vietnam Medal and the Vietnam Logistic Support Medal.		May 64 – 1973
<b>THAI/MALAYA</b>		
	Service in anti-terrorists operations on Thailand/Malaysia border area.	1 Aug 60 – 30 Mar 66
	Service as aircrew, on one operational sortie.	



The Australian Active Service Medal for operational service (OS) after 1975 in the following prescribed campaigns.

**CLASP****PRESCRIBED PERIOD**

<b>IRAQ</b>		
<b>ICAT</b>		11 Oct 01 to present
<b>BALKANS</b>	30 days service	12 Jan 92 – 24 Jan 97
<b>CAMBODIA</b>	30 days service	20 Oct 91 – 7 Oct 93
<b>EAST TIMOR</b>	1 day	16 Sep 99 to present
<b>KUWAIT</b>	1 day	17 Jan 91 – 28 Feb 91
<b>SOMALIA</b>	30 days service Battalion Group for Operation SOLACE. Land component of 2 <sup>nd</sup> UN operation. Air components of 2 <sup>nd</sup> UN Operation.	10 Jan 93 – 21 May 93 1 May 93 to present 1 May 93 to present
<b>VIETNAM 1975</b>	7 days service	29 Mar 75 – 28 Apr 75
<b>NAMIBIA</b>		18 Feb 89 – 10 Apr 90

The Australian Service Medal 1945-75 for 30 days service in the following prescribed campaigns.

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**PRESCRIBED PERIOD**

<b>BERLIN</b>		26 Jun 48–30 Sep 49
<b>FESR</b>		22 Jul 55-30 Oct 71
<b>GERMANY</b>		9 May 45-19 Oct 71
<b>INDONESIA</b>	Service with the UN Good Offices Commission. Service with the Un Commission for Indonesia.	1 Aug 47-1Jan49 1 Jan 49-30 Apr 51
<b>JAPAN</b>		3 Sep 45-28 Apr 52
<b>KASHMIR</b>		13 Aug 48-13 Feb 75
<b>KOREA</b>		9 Jun 50-23 Jun 50 28 Jul 53-26 Aug 57 27 Aug 57-13 Feb 75
<b>MIDDLE EAST</b>	Service in the Middle East with the following UN Forces <b>UNTSO</b> <b>UNDOF</b> <b>UNEF II</b> <b>UNOGIL</b> <b>UNYOM</b>	11 Jun 48-13 Feb 75 1948-1975 1974-1975 1973-1975 Jul 1958-Dec 1958 1963-1964
<b>PNG</b>		3 Sep 45-16 Sep 75
<b>SW PACIFIC</b>	Service on islands in the SW Pacific area, Dutch East Indies, Burma and Malaya/Singapore. RAAF Service on Moratai Island. Minesweeping service afloat with RAN in: - waters off coast of China and SW Pacific and Dutch East Indies, - waters off Australia, - waters off Solomon Islands.  Bomb and Mine clearances service - Coast of Queensland, Solomon Islands.	3 Sep45-24 Nov 46 3 Sep 45-10 Jul 48 3 Sep 45-30 Dec 46 3 Sep 45-16 Aug 48 25 Nov 46-16 Aug 48  3 Sep 45-31 May 51 25 Nov 46-16 Aug 48
<b>THAILAND</b>	Service at Ubon, or Service with 2 field Troop, RAE and others at Ban Kok Talat on Operation Crown.	May 62-31 Aug 68

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<b>W NEW GUINEA</b>		
Service with the UNTEA		3 Oct 62-30 Apr 63
<b>S.E. ASIA</b>		
	Malaysia excluding the Thai/Malay Border and Singapore.	1 Aug 60-16 Aug 64 12 Aug 66-14 Mar 75
	Thailand	2 Jul 55-30 Apr 62 1 Sep 68-30 Oct 71
	Vietnam	2 Jul 55-30 Jul 62
	RAN Ships in ANZUK	30 Oct 71-14 Mar 75
	Indonesia, LAOS/Cambodia.	2 Jul 55-14 Mar 75
<b>SPECIAL OPS</b>		3 Sep 45-13 Feb 75

The Australian Service Medal for service in prescribed non-warlike operations with the following Clasps post 1975:

<u>CLASP</u>		<u>PRESCRIBED PERIOD</u>
<b>BALKANS</b>	30 days service	25 Jan 97 to present
<b>BOUGAINVILLE</b>	30 days service	20 Nov 97 to present
<b>CAMBODIA</b>	30 days service	8 Oct 93 to present
<b>EAST TIMOR</b>	30 days service	30 Aug 75 to 30 Oct 75 19 Jun 99 to 15 Sep 99
<b>GUATEMALA</b>	30 days service	15 Feb 97 to present
<b>GULF</b>	30 days service	17 Nov 86 to 31 Oct 88
<b>IRAN/IRAQ</b>	90 days service	12 Aug 88 to present
<b>IRAQ</b>		
Multinational military deployment in Middle East	7 days service	15 Feb 98 to 30 Jun 98
Multinational military deployment in Middle East	30 days service	1 Jul 98 to present
UN Special Commission in Iraq	7 days service	1 May 91 to present
International Kurdish relief operation in Southern Turkey	30 days service	1 May 91 to present
<b>KASHMIR</b>	90 days service	14 Feb 75 to present
<b>KOREA</b>	30 days service	14 Feb 75 to present
<b>KUWAIT</b>		
Multinational military deployment in Persian Gulf	7 days service 30 days service	2 Aug 90 to 16 Jan 91 1 Mar 91 to present
<b>MIDDLE EAST</b>	90 days service	14 Feb 75 to present
<b>MOZAMBIQUE</b>	30 days service	12 Jul 94 to present
<b>PESHAWAR</b>	90 days service	16 Jul 89 to present
<b>RWANDA</b>	30 days service	29 Jul 94 to present
<b>SINAI</b>	30 days service	9 Feb 82 to 28 Apr 86
<b>SOMALIA</b>	30 day service	17 Oct 92 to 30 Apr 93
<b>SPECIAL OPS</b>	qualifying period of eligibility determined by each Service	14 Feb 75 to present
<b>UGANDA</b>	90 days service	18 Mar 82 to 24 Mar 84
<b>WEST SAHARA</b>	30 days service	5 Sep 91 to present

<b>ETHIOPIA/ERITREA</b>	30 days	16 Jan 01 to present
<b>IRIAN JAYA</b>	OPERATION CENDERWASIH 76	12 Jul – 21 Nov 76
	OPERATION CENDERWASIH 77	9 May – 10 Oct 77
	OPERATION CENDERWASIH 78	4 Apr – 20 Sep 78
	OPERATION CENDERWASIH 80	19 Oct – 22 Dec 80
	OPERATION CENDERWASIH 81	6 Jan – 6 Mar 81
		31 Aug – 15 Nov 81
<b>S.E. ASIA</b>	Malaysia	14 Feb 75 – 31 Dec 89
	Singapore	14 feb 75 – 30 Apr 75
	RAN Ships on ANZUK	14 Feb 75 – 30 Apr 75
<b>SIERRA LEONE</b>	OPERATION HUSKY	15 Jan 01 to present
<b>SOLOMON IS</b>		4 Nov 00 to present
<b>HAITI</b>		1 Jul 94 to present

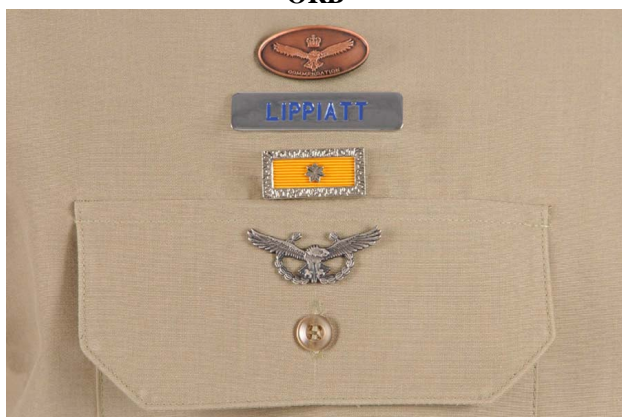
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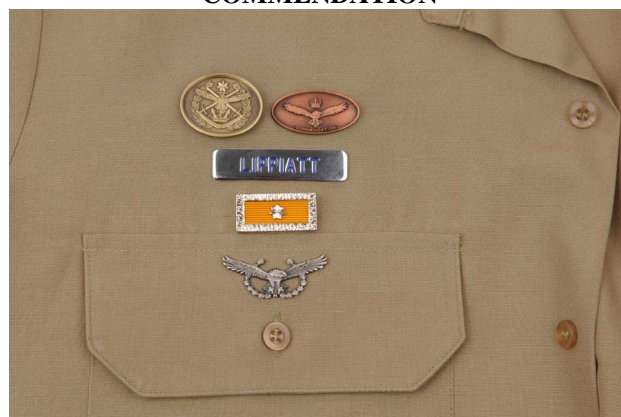
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**Note**

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